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(These figures, however include considerable areas of lands not fit for cultivation immediately and not fit for profitable cultivation even after reclamation.) "

The number of slums in Madras City.

* 411 *Q.*—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of slums in Madras City and the number which have been improved by the Corporation of Madras; and

(*b*) the number of slums which are on Government poramboke lands and the number on private lands?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The total number of slums in the City of Madras is 167. Fourty-two of these slums are on Corporation lands, 41 on Government lands and 84 on private lands. The Corporation has improved 98 slums in all, including all the 42 slums on Corporation lands, by providing essential civic amenities like roads, water supply and drainage, lighting, etc."

Civic amenities in slums in Madras City.

* 412 *Q.*—SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of slums owned by the Government in Madras City; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken steps to see that they are provided with civic amenities such as light, water, drainage, etc.?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) There are 41 slums on Government lands in the City of Madras.

" (*b*) Steps are being taken to provide necessary civic amenities to these slums. So far 15 slums have been provided with civic amenities. Improvement of other slums will be taken up in due course."

Alleged mismanagement of panchayat funds in Guntur district.

* 413 *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the villagers of Nambur, Guntur district, about the mismanagement of panchayat funds;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the present Special Officer in the matter;

(*c*) whether the Government have conducted any departmental enquiry; and

(*d*) the steps the Government propose to take in this matter?

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) The question is engaging the attention of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards."

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) HANDING OVER OF SRI KOLLI KRISHNAMURTHY TO THE HYDERABAD POLICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received three motions for adjournment of the business of the House to discuss matters of public importance. The hon. Member Sri P. Rama Rao has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the irregularity and, contrary to the safety of person guaranteed in the Constitution, calling one Sri Kolli Krishnamurthy of Chittala, Tiruvur taluk, Krishna district, to the Police Station by the Sub-Inspector of Police, Tiruvur, and handing him over to the Hyderabad Police on the 5th of December 1952, without any warrant whatsoever and removal of the person on that night itself to Hyderabad.'

" I wish to know from the hon. Member how this is a matter of urgent public importance and whether there is no remedy other than moving an adjournment motion like this. Is our Assembly a Court? Is there no Court where remedy can be sought? "

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I may bring to the notice of the Chair that the hon. Member Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu gave me a letter on the subject. He had a talk with me and I have referred the matter to the office for information. It is unfair to bring an adjournment motion after all this had happened."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Apart from that, it is not in order."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hereafter I have no confidence in discussing such matters with a Member. I see no purpose in it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Apart from that, there is a remedy for that. The hon. Member can go to the Court. So, I rule the motion out of order."

(2) ARREST OF HANDLOOM WORKERS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received notice of another adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri C. Kandasami. It reads as follows :—

'This House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the arrest of about 100 handloom workers who have come to Madras, while going in a procession in Mount Road on 9th December 1952 for the purpose of enlisting public sympathy for the suffering handloom workers of the State.'